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DCI Talkings Points on Arms Control

- The Gorbachev arms control initiatives appear grandiose: They call for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by the year 2000 and the complete disbanding of military units from the Atlantic to the Urals.
- But they have not been followed up with any implementing proposals in the on-going negotiations.
- On the contrary the Soviet positions in those negotiations have remained as hard as ever:
 - In the strategic arena, the Soviets have continued to violate past agreements. They have forced us to announce that our patience is exhausted and we will have to take measures to safeguard the security of the West unless the Soviets change course between now and the end of the year. (The UK and the FRG have publicly deplored the US decision).
 - In INF the Soviets still exclude their Far East SS-20s from reductions, insist on a no-transfer clause (which would ban the sale of Tridents to the UK) and demand a freeze on British and French nuclear forces.
 - In MBFR the Soviets continue to shun effective verification measures (i.e., demand a veto over inspections and accept exit-entry control points only for units to be reduced), insist on the removal of armaments (which would disadvantage the US) and persist in demanding of national ceilings (which is understandably anathema to the FRG). They say they will advance a new proposal after the Warsaw Pact Consultative Committee Meeting of 11-12 June, in which case we will examine it with interest and hope.
 - In CDE the Soviets continue to insist on discussing air movements in areas contiguous to Europe (which affects principally the West) and to reject effective, mandatory confidence-building-measures.
- In sum, the Soviets have responded Western MBFR initiative developed by the UK and the FRG by restating old positions. They have followed a similar course in the Nuclear and Space Talks.

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